

Ottawa, Week by Week

(By DEAN WILSON)

Old Age Pensioners

The government in Ottawa has been asked if any consideration had been given to increase old age pensions or to grant a cost of living bonus to pensioners. But a spokesman for the government has come forth with the assertion that the old age pensioners should not undertake this, which is primarily their responsibility, not ours, instead of calling on us with their huge deficit running up to \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 a year. In a letter, Minister of Finance, H. J. Leask, asked the civilian population to make sacrifices and to assume burdens. "In regard to old age pensions," he said, "they ought to be asked to assume heavy burdens," he said, "but I think that the government which have provincial jurisdiction should come forward and do their duty."

Hog Production In

The West
 "Let me say now that the grain farmer of Western Canada has started in the livestock business and he is going to stay there," declared a member in Parliament when he was arguing that the prices for coarse grains and wheat were lower now than in the period 1928-29, but the things that our Allies need most, he claimed, were the finished products of these coarse grains, and the prices of finished products were all above the prices of 1928-29. Furthermore, he continued to show that Ontario used to be the big hog producer, but today Alberta was first, Manitoba second, and Ontario third, with the West producing more than twice as many hogs as the East.

Diplomats and Parliament

This veteran observer had noted for a long time that diplomats in the capital were more conspicuous by their absence rather than their presence in the corridors of the House of Commons in this session, but now this has been brought into the open by a member in Parliament with the result that a suggestion has been made that these seats should be given to the members for the use of their friends, though there would be an understanding that the diplomats could use the space when and if they needed it.

Loyalty to Humanity

After objection had been taken in the House of Commons against certain viewpoints of a well known Canadian editor, B. K. Sandwell, which he is alleged to have made in the course of a speech before a society in Ottawa, Premier Mackenzie King made an extremely interesting remark. He said in part: "I thought that Mr. Sandwell or anybody else in this country, holding a prominent position and having to do with the shaping of public opinion is disloyal because he ventures to suggest there is such a thing as loyalty to humanity at large seems to me quite ridiculous."

Informal Discussions

Some aspects of international air transport after this war have already been discussed with other Governments. This was disclosed by the Government in Ottawa, though it was indicated that these were merely informal discussions.

Unavoidable Delay

It is indicated in usually reliable quarters, backstairs in the capital that social security legislation in Canada may not be an actuality as quickly as it would seem to be from the present popular and widely publicized

discussions along Parliament Hill. Indeed, when the various difficulties about constitutional jurisdiction and financial obligations of the schemes are considered, it would appear that the whole plan may not start to operate in practice for quite some period, with the Minister of Pensioners, National Health, Hon. J. Mackenzie, having pointed out to the parliamentary committee on social security that the scheme could not be launched within two years. In other words social security legislation may not come as soon as it seems to be generally expected; and it is distinctly a post-war affair, so that the present activities are really preparations for the actual event, which will depend entirely upon circumstances.

A Peculiar Incident

One of the most peculiar events in this session, and there have been many, took place in Parliament when the Prime Minister was called to order by the Speaker amidst laughter on a bench opposite the speaker, including the principals. Just as Premier Mackenzie King was about to rise to answer J. H. Brown, a member of the opposition, and M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, regarding a question about a currency convention, he failed momentarily to realize that the Speaker had something to say, too, with the result that the Speaker said "Order." This caused everyone to laugh, including Premier King himself, who sat down until the Speaker had completed his statement, rising afterwards to offer his reply.

Verbal Attacks

The verbal attack made by the Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, upon Col. George Drew, leader of the Progressive-Conservative party in Ontario, has been raised in the House of Commons in Ottawa by a member, though he stated that he was not going to defend him, because Col. Drew could defend himself quite well. "But what I am defending is the right of any citizen of this country, any Member of Parliament whether Federal or Provincial, to criticize the Government and their acts without having his loyalty to Canada questioned," remarked this member.

Promp Action

In presenting the official order about farm leave for soldiers, Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, emphasized in Parliament that his Department is trying to do the best possible so that the desires of the agriculturists in Canada may be satisfied, but at the same time all responsibilities of his Department must be safeguarded. Those eligible are, first, the personnel of the home war establishment of district depots, including administrative and training staffs; second, the personnel on strength of district depots who are not awaiting dispatch to basic training centers, or who, having completed training, are awaiting allocations as reinforcements or to units; third, the veterans guards who have been promised that personnel have completed their individual training and are not earmarked for overseas. "In connection with this leave, instructions are going out impressing on all concerned that the applications should be dealt with promptly," said Hon. J. L. Ralston amongst other things in his explanation to the members of the House of Commons.

The Cemetery Committee

are planning to hold their ANNUAL Strawberry Tea

in JUNE. Fearing difficulties in the procuring of sugar, we are asking plant owners if they will donate a small portion of their rations beforehand and leave same with secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hudgen, Delia.

DELIA'S QUOTA

—FOR—

The Fourth Victory Loan

\$53,000.00

Amount Subscribed

—BY—

Tuesday, May 4th

\$19,600.00

Delia A.L.A. Protests To Wheat Board

Realizing the gravity of the situation confronting farmers in the disposal of wheat which is being threshed this spring, the executive of the Delia Agricultural Improvement Association instructed its secretary to wire a protest to the Calgary office of the Canadian Wheat Board. This took the form of a night letter, dispatched May 2nd, and a reply was received from the Board at 10:43 a.m. on Monday, May 3rd. Text of the communications follow:

"To The Canadian Wheat Board, Calgary.

"Delia Agricultural Improvement Association draws attention of Board to serious grain situation here. Of 50 per cent grain unthreshed last fall, 50 per cent still unthreshed. Elevators plugged and thrasher men unable to work without assurance of pay. Moreover, large quantities of threshed grain lying in piles on farms. Farmers demand cash to pay quota. Suggest prompt action in view of Victory Loan canvass.

Secretary, Delia A.L.A."

"To Secretary, Delia, Alta.

"Wire received re space Delia. Our record shows large number cars authorized for shipment at this point and we are drawing present situation to attention of railway asking for cars quickly. Car situation very difficult owing to demands essential war movements.

Canadian Wheat Board."

EVERYONE GETS FULL ALLOWANCE OF MEAT

The proposed weekly meat ration of approximately two pounds per person, applied to every class in Canada and covers every age group from the cradle to the grave. The advisory committee on nutrition, which was constituted before the rationing plan was finalized, was unanimous of the opinion that "diff racial rationing" of meat, on the basis of occupation, was unnecessary from the viewpoint of nutrition. Two pounds of meat, plus customary amounts of milk, eggs, cheese, fish and poultry gives more protein from animal sources than is safely advised by the medical profession. The requirements that is required for a person of any occupation and in no rational way are necessary to keep the health and vitality, according to the committee's reports. Consumption of meat must be cut but there are many "old-fashioned" meats which may be used to extend meat menus in homes across the Dominion.

Fish and poultry are not rationed, nor are the "fancy" meats such as liver, kidney, and any cuts with more than half bone content. Whether they dig, dig, build tanks, or all at a desk all day, the proposed two pounds of meat is more than enough to keep Canadian healthy, in the opinion of the country's leading nutrition experts.

Care of Baby Chicks

The Alberta Department of Agriculture advises with regard to the care of baby chicks, that brooding conditions should be clean and sanitary, well-ventilated and free from drafts with normal temperatures, good fresh air supply, clean water with a fine grit and sand supply, and clean food. Avoid overcrowding and excess fluctuations in temperature.

ERECT ROAD SIGNS AS TRAFFIC JUMPS

Now that the motorizing season is about in full swing, civic and municipal authorities should plan to take care of traffic needs, according to officials of the Alberta Motor Association. The annual budgets of civic organizations probably are in course of preparation, or should be. In some centres, provision has been made for additional street and traffic signs. One city has provided \$3,000 for this purpose.

While motorizing for pleasure will be on a restricted scale this year and there will be more short distance driving, there is a greater need of having proper road signs erected. This has been recognized by highway authorities in other provinces and in States south of the border. It is evident that in many Alberta cities, the volume of motor traffic is on the increase, owing to the great expansion resulting from construction of war projects. These developments call for an adequate traffic sign system, and it is a situation that warrants the careful consideration of municipal authorities.

Have We Been Wrong About Wheat?

Lethbridge Experimental Station

Which produces the most pounds of grain per acre in the dry land wheat belt of the prairie, wheat, oats, or barley? Many will say wheat, of course. Everyone knows that this is a natural wheat country. Yes, it is, but we are sure that it isn't a natural feed barley country and a natural oat country as well. Let us see.

From all the data now available, it seems very definite that barley and oats both yield noticeably more pounds of grain per acre than does wheat in the dry belt. You don't believe this?—then read these figures. The average yields of wheat, oats and barley in the six southern crop districts of Alberta in the past ten years expressed in pounds per acre were, wheat, 800 pounds; oats, 939 pounds; barley, 1,097 pounds. These yields are for that part of the province south of a line drawn straight across the province at Olds. Stated in another way, the means that oats yielded 5.3 per cent more and barley 23.3 per cent more than wheat.



DR. SEAGER WHEELER
 Southern, Sask.—"The World's
 Champion Wheat Grower"

Clean-Up Day!

Residents of the Village of Delia

Are requested to CLEAN UP their PREMISES and have ashes removed, and toilets attended to, by the 24th (day of May, 1943. With a view to prevention of fire it is particularly requested that all loose straw, hay, etc., be cleared up in addition to the removal of manure heaps.

A sanitary inspection of all village premises and toilets will be made immediately after the above-mentioned date.

By Order of the Council of the Village of Delia.

Dated 5th May, 1943.

Not only was this true on the average, but almost for every year during that period and for each of the six crop districts. When we cleared this average, we immediately looked for some other data. We found at the Lethbridge Experimental Station that over the last 10 year period yields on dry land were: wheat, 1,926 pounds; oats 2,281 pounds; and barley, 2,619 pounds; or, the oats yielded 15.3 per cent and barley 36.1 per cent more pounds than wheat. The Experimental Station has (Continued on page 8, Column 2).

World's Champion Wheat Grower

Recommends VICTORY BONDS

Dr. Wheeler says:

"If Canadians were asked to give money to help to win the war we would not be asked to make a big sacrifice. Some are giving their lives. We are asked to lend money. I am sure that farmers throughout Canada will be glad to lend money to their country, for like all other Canadians, they know we must do all we can to help."

"There is a practical reason for buying Victory Bonds, too. The money we lend to Canada now, to help to win the war, will be ours to use as we please after the war has been won. Ready cash will be handy to have when we will want to replace farm equipment that is wearing out now. A farmer can always find a use for savings, and there is no better way to save than by investing all we can in Victory Bonds."

MORE

BUY VICTORY BONDS

WHAT A VICTORY BOND IS:

A Victory Bond is the most certain way of Canada to raise the cash for the full war value of the bond at the time it matures, with no further interest on the face of the bond. It is a security which is backed by the full faith and credit of the Government of Canada. It is a security which is backed by the full faith and credit of the Government of Canada. It is a security which is backed by the full faith and credit of the Government of Canada.

National War Finance Committee

Wear This Emblem of Victory

WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Experts are toying with an idea to use searchlights for street lighting in Britain after the war.

A second Canadian Red Cross Maple Leaf flag was opened recently in London by the Duchess of Gloucester.

The government of neutral Sweden has set contracts to shipwrecked on Gotenborg for the national navy.

It is hoped that 200,000 British factory workers will spend their holidays this year in the fields as extra farms have to help in the crop.

Navy Secretary Frank Knox said the United States navy at the year's end will be augmented by nine ships "that completed the entire fleet at the end of 1942."

Plans for direct radio broadcasting from the front lines with the Canadian troops have been announced by the general manager of the CBC, Dr. James B. Thomson.

President Roosevelt has signed a bill providing for the appointment of women physicians and surgeons in the U.S. army and navy medical corps.

The BBC said that Australia can no longer supply Britain with the 75,000 tons of butter annually which help maintain Britain's weekly ration of two ounces.

Its returns in South Africa and checks have been put back one hour to standard time which is seven hours ahead of Canada's eastern standard time.

The Paris radio announced children who were evacuated from Paris on an extended scale. The planned release was believed inspired by the danger of Allied air raids.

Shirrkoff Success

"Which he's doing this summer?"

"Who are you working for?"

"The vicar's wife, said to her husband, 'I think it's about time we discussed your work habits.'"

"You say that," agreed the vicar. "The question has already been over my mind. I think I should like to find a position for him in the publishing business. I have a note from his father saying he is already appearing to be on terms of considerable intimacy with several prominent publishers."

"Mother, I'm thinking, hand me an egg, please, from that box on the left."

Young four-year-old: (who had never seen brown-bald eggs!) "Oh, Mum, Mum! Some of these eggs are white and some are whole wheat!"

The old elder was relating his experience of life on a desert island.

"Yes," said he, "I was alone and without shelter in a dreadful storm, but I managed to make up a good bed for myself."

"Lisener," how did you make your bed?"

"Well," the rain came down in sheets, and after that there was a blizzard of fog."

"Are you going to marry my sister?" asked little Laura.

"I don't really know," replied the man in uniform.

"Well, I do," confessed the helpful clerk, "and it's going to be a matrimony."

"Mary, my husband came home very late last night. Can you tell me what time it was?"

"Well, mum, I don't know exactly, but when I got up this morning the master's hat was swinging backwards and forwards on the hallway."

"Well, here I am," announced the fashionable physician in his breezy way, "and now what do you think is the matter with you?"

"I hardly know, doctor," said the fashionable patient, "what is new?"

When the third of November was at its height and all signposts had been removed, a motorist stopped in a country road and inquired of him the way to a certain village.

The young man, pointing in the direction, replied: "That would be the way before the war, but I ain't be tellin' any more."

For second investment buy War Savings Certificates.

MICKIE SAYS—

WE VISIT LOUS BRING IN NEWS WHEN IT BECOMES AN BEFORE IT BECOMES SO OLD ITS HISTORY!

A HERO TOO

Among the ussing heroes of this war is the home-front bus driver who must make change, issue transfers, open and shut doors, answer forty questions a minute, never pass up a seating date, keep accurate records and fight to keep bus-hour passengers out of his lap—Christian Science Monitor.

The surface of the planet Venus has never been visible to astronomers because of dense cloud banks which surround it.

Western Airmen Discuss A Theoretical Route

Flight Lieutenant Victor Mulhally, of Weyburn, Sask. (right), and Warant Officer 1 Leonard Pliska, of Myram, Alta., discuss a theoretical route for the bombing of London. Actual routes cannot be shown. Mulhally, formerly a candidate on speed dates with the R.C.A.F., is navigation leader of an R.A.F. squadron flying giant Stirling bombers. Pliska, who is of Ukrainian descent, was stationed at Normal School, Edmonton, to join the R.C.A.F. He was picked on the school's basketball team, and used to pitch to catcher Bill Klutas, of Redway, Alta., also of Ukrainian descent. Klutas is now a flight sergeant navigator with another R.A.F. Stirling squadron.

—R.C.A.F. Official Photo.

Means Great Saving Of Steel For Purposes Of War

Making use of old nails saved steel for war purposes.

Amateur carpenters should try to turn in old nails that have no possible value aside from scrap. If when purchasing nails, the customer turned in an equal poundage of steel, one hundred thousand tons of metal would be made available for war production, according to officials in Ottawa.

There has been an increase in the normal consumption of nails from 1,500,000 large in peace time to nearly 2,000,000 in wartime. This has been caused by the building of war supplies in wooden cases, building of wartime houses, and the erection of temporary storage for Canada's great grain crop last year.

One Small Detail

Was Enough To Spoil The Day For

Canadian business tells the story. The radio salesman was going 100 per cent, and the lady to whom he was taking money didn't have a chance, not the ghost of a chance.

With the true form of a mislead performer, he swept aside objections and the lady signed in the dotted line. Mark up another \$300 sale to the credit of the store. Did he feel good?

When the Neale left without saying thanks or goodbye, Pages said his best buyer and linen disappeared, too.

Pages added, however, that he wanted to be "fornicated and not ugly" that Kimmel himself was the sneakfish.

By William Ferguson

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

THESE IS NO POINT IN GOING OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA, THAT IS MORE THAN 725 MILES FROM HERE.

COPIES OF THIS PAPER, NO. 1, IS HERE IN A BOX.

YOUR WORD "NICKNAME" COMES FROM THE EXPRESSION "AN EKE NAME," ADDED NAME.

PHOENIX GETS LEAVE

London—"Boney," a five-year-old pigeon who has flown 160,000 miles since he was hatched, has been sent home because she was suffering from a fire in the bomber in which she had been serving.

IT'S TOUGH TO STAND IN THE BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE THIS MOVIE FOR ANYTHING

AM HECK! I'LL GET IT SOME OTHER TIME

NEITHER

SORRY, PUD! BUT IF YOU DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO GET I GOTTA JUNE YA

BY GENE BYRNES

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRIST'S CHARGE TO PETER

Golden text: Greater to Peter's men than this, that a man give up his life for his friends. John 15:13.

Exposition: John 15:13. The Bread of Life. John 15:13. The Bread of Life. John 15:13.

Christ's Charge to Peter, John 21:15-17. After they had finished their meal on the shore Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, thou art Peter, and upon thee I will build my church; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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Adds Another U-Boat To His Score

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—R.C.A.P. Official Photo.

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Saves Valuable Time

Alphabetic Parts Now Tested In X-Ray Laboratory At Edmonton

The only industrial X-ray laboratory in the prairie provinces is in operation at the University of Alberta, testing vital airplane parts for flaws.

The present laboratory grew from a make-shift affair that was set up temporarily with a small X-ray unit, plain underfoot manufacture of vital airplane parts which had to be tested for flaws. Previously such parts had to be sent to Vancouver where another such laboratory is operated, costing valuable time.

Dr. H. B. Johns of the Department of Physics said the first laboratory set up consisted of a small X-ray unit, over-hauled and developed sparks 10 inches long. The sparks caused sharp cracks that could be brought throughout the building.

Last May Dr. Johns was sent to Ottawa to study such X-ray equipment and on his return a new 140-100-watt fluorometer was set up at the University which can examine 200 castings a night.

As a result the speeding in testing Dr. Johns said the parts are now able to improve technique from 10 per cent to a five per cent rejection rate.

Double Output

British Factories Speed Up Production Of Completed Aircraft

With nearly 15,000 firms engaged in aircraft production, British factories during the past quarter of this year turned out a weight of completed aircraft 20 per cent greater than during the same period last year, Sir Stafford Cripp, minister of aircraft production, announced.

Heavy bomber output, figures on the same basis, he said in a speech at the Guildhall, were even better, aggregating three and one-half times as much as in the first three months of 1941.

Women workers represent nearly 40 per cent of all employees in the aircraft industry, which now is the largest single enterprise in the country, he said.

He stated that Canada is helping out the United Kingdom with a number of special manufactures and is contributing a considerable volume of aircraft to the common pool.

A FAIR EXCHANGE

Guadalupe, So. Mex., who speaks little English, walked into a hotel building at Richmond, Ont., which houses Red Cross, including and other wartime agencies. A nurse took his name, address and other data, and went to his room where attendants desired the usual plot of blood. Then the bewitched Guadalupe was brought to the lobby. "Now do you get my gasoline?"

Repairing Street Lights

London May Soon Be Relieved From Blackout Conditions

Britain's long-neglected street lighting system is being repaired and drivers are wondering why the ministry of home security orders night made ready for immediate use. The ministry consisted almost about the order, but many Britons asked if the government was anticipating no such end of the war. London has been blacked out for more than three and a half years.

Local councils received urgent orders several weeks ago to repair or replace all street lights, many of which had been smashed in bombing raids.

By War Savings Stamp Regularly

IT HAPPENS SOMETIMES

Mrs. Walter McIlwraith of Connelton, Ont., thinks the long march of Guelph, Ont., was a little more of the breaking point. Recently she sent a contribution to one of the big cigarette funds which were now needed for the men overseas. Her gift wasn't assigned to any particular person, but the soldier who got the cigarettes was Mr. Walter McIlwraith, her husband.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

THE ship's officers were engaged in a long discussion as to the reason why they had been taken from Ireland in two boats.

It was a long time before they returned. A young man who overheard the conversation remarked:

"Because I see, I think I know the reason."

"He was asked to explain."

"May I see an atlas?" he said.

The atlas was brought.

"Why, no, I don't," it is quite simple. Can you see for yourself? I pointed it out in Ireland, and there it is all down the continent."

PHOENIX GETS LEAVE

London—"Boney," a five-year-old pigeon who has flown 160,000 miles since he was hatched, has been sent home because she was suffering from a fire in the bomber in which she had been serving.

IT'S TUGH TO STAND IN THE BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE THIS MOVIE FOR ANYTHING

AM HECK! I'LL GET IT SOME OTHER TIME

NEITHER

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